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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hajime SEKIGUCHI, et al.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/781,691) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: February 20, 2004)
For: AIRFLOW AROUND ELECTRICAL) April 21, 2004
CIRCUIT OF IMAGE FORMING
APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

JP 2000-216580 A and JP 11-186770 A are mentioned in the specification (pages 2-5) and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. An English language abstract for each document, obtained from a commercial database, is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is believed to be required. However,

the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned, indicating that such information has been considered.

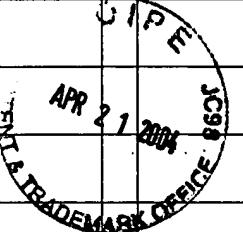
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